



General Assembly

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United Nations conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination

Organizational session

New York, 16 February 2017

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Draft provisional agenda of the conference;
 - (b) Draft proposed organization of work of the conference;
 - (c) Draft provisional rules of procedure of the conference;
 - (d) Credentials of representatives to the conference;
 - (e) Arrangements for the accreditation and participation of international organizations, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and civil society representatives.
5. Preparations for the conference.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report of the session.
8. Closure of the session.





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Agenda item 3

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda¹

1. Opening of the conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
5. Organization of work.
6. Election of other officers.
7. Credentials of representatives to the conference:
 - (a) Appointment of members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
8. General exchange of views:
 - (a) High-level segment;
 - (b) General exchange of views on all matters.
9. Negotiations, pursuant to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 71/258 of 23 December 2016, on a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination.
10. Other matters.
11. Adoption of the report of the conference.
12. Closure of the conference.

¹ At its organizational session on 16 February 2017, the conference adopted its agenda, on the understanding that an additional sub-item might be added under item 11.





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Agenda item 5

Organization of work

Indicative timetable for the meetings of the conference¹

Monday, 27 March 2017

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Item 1. Opening of the conference |
| | Item 2. Election of the President |
| | Item 4. Adoption of the rules of procedure |
| | Item 3. Adoption of the agenda |
| | Item 5. Organization of work |
| | Item 6. Election of other officers |
| | Item 7 (a). Credentials of representatives to the conference:
appointment of members of the Credentials Committee |
| | Item 8 (a). General exchange of views: high-level segment |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations• Statement by the President of the General Assembly• Statements by high-level officials of participating States and entities |
| 3-6 p.m. | Item 8 (a). General exchange of views: high-level segment
(continued) |
| | Topic 1. Principles and objectives and preambular elements |

¹ Taken note of by the conference at its organizational session on 16 February 2017.



Tuesday, 28 March 2017

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Item 8 (b). General exchange of views: general exchange of views on all matters
Topic 1. Principles and objectives and preambular elements (*continued*)
- 3-6 p.m. Item 8 (b). General exchange of views: general exchange of views on all matters (*continued*)
Topic 1. Principles and objectives and preambular elements (*continued*)

Wednesday, 29 March 2017

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Item 8 (b). General exchange of views: general exchange of views on all matters (*continued*)
Topic 2. Core prohibitions: effective legal measures, legal provisions and norms
- 3-6 p.m. Item 8 (b). General exchange of views: general exchange of views on all matters (*continued*)
Topic 2. Core prohibitions: effective legal measures, legal provisions and norms (*continued*)

Thursday, 30 March 2017

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Item 8 (b). General exchange of views: general exchange of views on all matters (*continued*)
Topic 2. Core prohibitions: effective legal measures, legal provisions and norms (*continued*)
- 3-6 p.m. Item 8 (b). General exchange of views: general exchange of views on all matters (*continued*)
Topic 2. Core prohibitions: effective legal measures, legal provisions and norms (*continued*)

Friday, 31 March 2017

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Item 8 (b). General exchange of views: general exchange of views on all matters (*continued*)
Topic 3. Institutional arrangements
- 3-6 p.m. Item 8 (b). General exchange of views: general exchange of views on all matters (*continued*)
Topic 3. Institutional arrangements (*continued*)
Item 7 (b). Credentials of representatives to the conference: report of the Credentials Committee
Item 5. Organization of work of the second session

Note: The conference will follow a rolling agenda, such that, when discussion of one topic is complete, the President will immediately continue to the next topic. All times are therefore indicative, and delegations should make the necessary preparations.



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Adoption of the rules of procedure

Participation of non-governmental organizations in the conference¹

The conference decided that:

1. With respect to non-governmental organizations participating at the conference, participation in the public meetings of the conference, without the right to vote, will be open to:
 - (a) Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996. These non-governmental organizations should inform the President of the conference about their interest to participate;
 - (b) Other interested non-governmental organizations relevant and competent to the scope and the purpose of the conference provided that requests to do so are submitted to the President of the conference and are accompanied by information on the organization's purpose, programmes and activities in areas relevant to the scope of the conference. The President of the conference will draw up a list of these non-governmental organizations on a non-objection basis.²
2. Accredited non-governmental organizations will be provided, upon request, with documents related to the conference, and they may submit material in writing, which shall be circulated in its original language.

¹ Adopted by the conference at its organizational session on 16 February 2017.

² Where the participation of a non-governmental organization is objected to, the objecting Member State participating in the conference will, on a voluntary basis, make known to the Secretary-General of the conference the general nature of its objections, and the Secretary-General will share any information received with all Member States participating in the conference.

